

# Safety rules can help make Air Expo a safe event for all

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The Charleston Air Force Base Air Expo promises to be a particularly exciting event this year. From the precision aerial displays to the many static aircraft displayed on the parking ramp, our senses will be overwhelmed with the activity and power of this event.

It is important, however, to keep in mind some of the hazards associated with the aircraft parking ramp, and some of the hazards we could introduce to this unique environment.

The 437 Wing Safety Office requires that all visitors to the Air Expo remember these basic safety rules while enjoying the many events and attractions:

**Smoking Areas and Fire Control Lanes.** The entire aircraft parking ramp is a NOSMOKING area. Additional NOSMOKING areas and fire control lanes will be designated near the aircraft parking ramp. If necessary, individuals will be escorted off the flight line to the designated smoking areas.

**Waste Receptacles.** Aircraft inlets must be

kept free of foreign objects that could be inadvertently ingested. Because of this, trash and other waste must be placed in appropriate waste receptacles. They will be placed throughout the display area.

**Bicycles, Skates, Rollerblades, and Skateboards.** Bicycles, skates, rollerblades, and skateboards are banned from the ramp and hangar areas. Only maintenance and Air Expo personnel will be allowed to ride bicycles on the ramp.

**Unsafe Viewing Stands.** Spectators will not be allowed to use maintenance equipment, vehicles, portable facilities, roofs of buildings, exterior aircraft surfaces or anything else that is considered unsafe for a viewing stand.

**Pets.** Pets are prohibited on the flight line. Exceptions: Dogs for the disabled are allowed.

**Tripping Hazards.** Be alert for power cords, aircraft grounding wires, and uneven pavement. There will be plenty of activity in the air above you, but remember to look down when you walk.

**Thunderstorms and Lightning.** If thunderstorms develop near the local area, be prepared to evacuate the aircraft parking ramp if a notification is given to do so. Certain locations are



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**Air Expo visitors should keep in mind some of the unique hazards associated with the event. Following basic rules can help make the Air Expo safe and enjoyable for everyone.**

extremely hazardous during thunderstorms. Open fields, isolated trees, and metal or electrically conductive objects (like aircraft exteriors) should be avoided. Large metal framed buildings (hangars), automobiles, buses, and other vehicles with metal tops and bodies are

suitable shelters from lightning.

If these simple rules are kept in mind and followed, the Air Expo will prove to be a fun filled and exciting event to remember.

If you have any questions or concerns, call the safety office at 963-5595.

## Air Expo '99 schedule of events

**9 a.m.** -- Gates Open  
**9:50** -- Wing CC Welcome  
**10 a.m.** -- Thunderbird Arrival Show  
**10:15 a.m.** -- Wings of Blue Opening Ceremony w/ T-34s  
**10:35 a.m.** -- Thunderbird reenlistment ceremony  
**10:40 a.m.** -- Swiss Venom Demo  
**10:50 a.m.** -- MiG-17 demo  
**11:05 a.m.** -- C-130 Water Drop  
**11:15 a.m.** -- Tora 101 Demo  
**11:30 a.m.** -- P-51/F-18 fly by  
**11:45 a.m.** -- F-18 demo  
**Noon** -- B-2 fly by  
**12:10 p.m.** -- T-34 Demo  
**12:25 p.m.** -- Vintage Warbird Fly By  
**12:45** -- Airline Window  
**2 p.m.** -- T-33 demo  
**2:15 p.m.** -- Sky Raider Demo  
**2:30 p.m.** -- C-17 Demo  
**2:45 p.m.** -- C-130 x 3/ C-141x 3/ C-17 personnel Airdrop  
**3:15 p.m.** -- C-17/C-141 Fly by  
**3:30 p.m.** -- MiG-17/Swiss Venom Demo  
**3:45 p.m.** -- USAF Thunderbirds Demo  
**5 p.m.** -- Airfield Opens

## Worship on flightline

The Charleston AFB chapel is offering a general Protestant worship service the morning of the Air Expo at 9:30.

Everyone is invited to the Charleston AFB Passenger terminal for a brief time of worship. Once attendees are parked in the designated areas on the flightline, come to the passenger terminal from the flightline side.

Worship time will not exceed 45 minutes. A nurse will be provided and dress is "air show causal."

For more information on the worship service, call the chapel at 963-2536.

## Expo advice...

### Be aware of traffic flow during Air Expo '99

**INBOUND** — All traffic will be inbound (two lanes) at the Dorchester & Rivers gates from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. **There will be no parking allowed on Arthur Extension.** At 3:30 p.m., all traffic will stop in-bound at Arthur Extension and Aviation Ave. Existing traffic on Arthur Extension will be cleared for the Thunderbird show at 4:15 p.m. There will be no access to Arthur Extension from Midland Park Road. North Charleston Police Department will close Ward Avenue at 7:30 a.m.

**OUTBOUND** — *After the Thunderbird show, all traffic will be outbound (two lanes) at Dorchester & Rivers gates until the installation is cleared of all traffic. When exiting the Rivers Gate after the Air Expo, left lane traffic can access Midland Park Road or proceed on Arthur Extension to Aviation Ave. and access I-26. When exiting the Dorchester Gate after the Air Expo, right lane traffic will turn to Summerville and left lane traffic will turn to Charleston and I-526 only.*

**COMMISSARY GATE ACCESS** — The Commissary Gate will be open for normal Department of Defense traffic going to the BX, Shoppette or Commissary. **(NO AIREXPO TRAFFIC WILL BE ALLOWED.)** When exiting the Commissary Gate, traffic will only be allowed to turn right towards Summerville. Personnel who are leaving the Air Expo early will use the Commissary Gate via Gross Avenue and Simpson Street.

### Shuttle bus schedule

Shuttle bus service for on base residents during the Air Expo will be as follows:

**Bus Route #1** — Bus will start running at 8:30 a.m. and run every 15 minutes until 11 a.m.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the bus will run every hour. After 3 p.m., there will be three buses running from the flight line back to the base.

Batson Dr. and Richardson Dr.  
Batson Dr. and Gross Ave.  
Parking Lot of Bldg 164 (Passenger Terminal – Drop Off)  
**Bus Route #2** — Bus will start running at 8:30 a.m. and run every 30 minutes until 11 a.m.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the bus will run every hour. After 3 p.m., there will be two buses running from flight line back to base housing until the flight line is clear. The bus stops are as follows:

W. James Ave. and W. Jackson Dr.  
W. Jackson Dr. and W. Rhodes Ave.  
E. Jackson Dr. and E. Frick Ave.  
E. Jackson Dr. and E. James Ave.  
Parking Lot of Bldg 164 (Passenger Terminal – Drop Off)  
Base traffic for the day of the airshow is scheduled as follows:

7 a.m.-4 p.m. -- incoming traffic via Dorchester and Aviation Ave. Gates only; outgoing traffic via Commissary Gate only

3-5 p.m. -- incoming Traffic via Commissary Gate only; outgoing traffic via Dorchester and Aviation Ave. Gates only

Supervisors are encouraged to schedule shift changes before or after the airshow. Normal Air Force base workers, as well as airshow workers, will use normal traffic routes to get on base so make sure to plan ahead for traffic delays.

### Aircraft static displays

**Military:** F-117, Black T-38, Black T-38F-15C, F-15E, F-16, F-18, A-10, B-1, B-2, T-1, T-37, T-34, RC-135, C-5, KC-10, C-130, C-9, C-21, C-2, UH-60, AH-64 and Bradley 13 ADA.

**Civilian:** Zero, P-51, T-34, UC-78, B-25, T-28, T-33, T-6, MiG-17, Venom, Bonanza, Skyraider, Fuji SU-31, O-2, C-45, CAP/C-172, Kitfox, C-172

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food," said Kathy Knichel, chief of protocol. A reception will immediately follow the pin-on ceremony.

The dress for military members is uniform of the day. Knichel cautions those attending to plan ahead for limited parking at the club.

Bishop has been on the Air Force Personnel Center's list for promotion to brigadier general since Jan. 5, 1998, and will be the last of the 42 colonels on that list to pin on brigadier general.

Come join in the festivities!